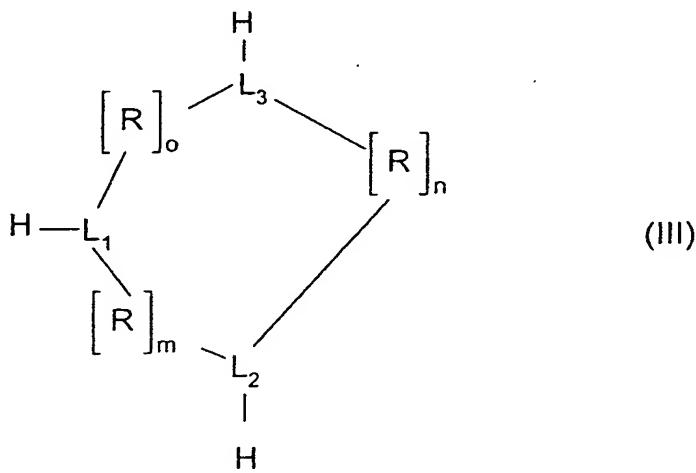


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9. (Amended) Process for preparation of catalyst components according to claim 1 including reacting a compound of formula  $MX_{q+3}$  wherein M is a transition metal of groups 3, 4-10, lanthanide or actinide of the periodic table of the elements, X is a monovalent anionic ligand and q is 0, 1, 2, or 3 depending on the valence of the metal M, with a compound of formula III



wherein

each R is independently a structural bridge rigidly connecting  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$  and  $L_3$  and is constituted by 1 to 4 chain atoms selected from carbon, silicon, germanium, oxygen, boron; these atoms can be part of fused rings, aromatics rings or spiro rings;

$m$ ,  $n$  and  $o$  are 0 or 1, with the proviso that  $m+n+o$  is 2 or 3.

$L_1$  is a group of the cyclopentadienyl type or is isolobal to cyclopentadienyl, optionally substituted by one or more  $R^1$  groups;

$L_2$  is a group of the cyclopentadienyl type or is isolobal to cyclopentadienyl, or it is selected from the group consisting of N, P, B when  $m+n=2$ , it is selected from the group consisting of  $NR^1$ ,  $PR^1$ ,  $BR^1$ , O and S when  $m+n=1$ ;

$L_3$  is selected from the group consisting of N, P, B when  $n+o=2$ , it is selected from the group consisting of  $NR^1$ ,  $PR^1$ ,  $BR^1$ , O and S when  $n+o=1$ ;

$R^1$  is hydrogen,  $C_1-C_{20}$  alkyl,  $C_3-C_{20}$  cycloalkyl,  $C_6-C_{20}$  aryl,  $C_3-C_{20}$  alkenyl, optionally comprising 1 to 5 heteroatoms such as Si, N, P, O, F, Cl, Br.

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